

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the City of Spring Hill upon being named the State's most business-friendly city by the Tennessee Center for Policy Research.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to celebrate those cities that, through the outstanding accomplishments of its citizenry, bring honor to this great State; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Spring Hill are most assuredly deserving of special recognition, as their City was recently recognized as the 2007 Most Business-Friendly City in Tennessee by the Tennessee Center for Policy Research (TCPR); and

WHEREAS, the award is based on the results of TCPR's annual report of the business climate of the State's fifty largest cities; and

WHEREAS, the report scores each city in four categories considered vital to encouraging business success and fostering entrepreneurial spirit; those categories are business tax burden, economic vitality, community allure, and strategic location; and

WHEREAS, Spring Hill ranked first or second overall in three of the report's four categories; in total, Spring Hill scored 93.98 percent out of a possible 100 percent in all four counts of business friendliness; and

WHEREAS, a central location, low cost of living, and small town charm certainly added to Spring Hill's allure, but its lack of a gross receipts tax and consequently a low business tax burden, helped to catapult the City to the coveted first place ranking; "Years of responsible, business-friendly public policy decisions have made Spring Hill the destination of choice for business owners in the Volunteer State," said Drew Johnson of the TCPR; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill is one of the great municipalities in Tennessee and it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this fine municipality and its citizenry as they celebrate this significant honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate the City of Spring Hill upon being named the State's Most Business-Friendly City for 2007 by the Tennessee Center for Policy Research, and extend to the citizens of that outstanding community our best wishes for continued success, growth, and prosperity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.